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Stem Cell Clinics
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken note of mushrooming of stem cell clinics offering cures for conditions ranging from diabetes to autism across the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such cases reported;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to check the mushrooming of stem cell clinics;

(c) whether the Indian Council for Medical Research and the Department of Biotechnology have come up with guidelines on conducting research in this sphere; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the guidelines will come into force?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): Yes. The details of such entities are annexed. The information for number of such cases reported is not maintained centrally.

(b) to (d): The Guidelines for Stem Cell Research and Therapy were released by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), in collaboration with the Department of Biotechnology. Later, the National Guidelines for Stem Cell Research (NGSCR) were issued which guide clinicians and scientists to conduct research scientifically.